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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the United Nations peacekeeping operations	

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of February 2012 (Togo) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

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Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2012 regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 5th meeting **Conference Room 1 (NLB)**

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2012/R.2, E/C.2/2012/R.2/Add.1–18 and E/C.2/2012/R.3) [3 (b)]

3–6 p.m. 6th meeting **Conference Room 1 (NLB)**

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2012/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2012/CRP.3) [3 (a)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions. Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their laptops and tablet devices to avail themselves of ePublish and print-on-demand services through the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat.]

Commission for Social Development

Fiftieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 2nd meeting **Conference Room 4 (NLB)**

1. Opening of the regular session
2. Address by the President of the Economic and Social Council
3. Address by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
4. Address by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
5. Election of officers [1]
6. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.5/2012/1) [2]
7. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2012/2) [3]

   (a) Priority theme: poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2012/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/27 and E/CN.5/2012/NGO/28)

   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups (A/67/61–E/2012/3, E/CN.5/2012/5, E/CN.5/2012/6 and E/CN.5/2012/7)

      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes

(c) Emerging issues: youth: poverty and unemployment (E/CN.5/2012/8)

Introductory statement

Presentation of the outcome of the Civil Society Forum

General discussion

3–6 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2012/2) [3]

(a) Priority theme: poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2012/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/27 and E/CN.5/2012/NGO/28)

Panel discussion: "Priority theme: Poverty eradication"

[To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please click here.]

[The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrinoi@un.org). Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed seven minutes, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed ten minutes, and statements made by observers should not exceed five minutes. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to latin@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Web site of the Commission. Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx.]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2012

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 3 (NLB)

3–5.30 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 3 (NLB)

1. Organizational matters [1]

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2012/L.1)

Decisions adopted at the second regular session 2011 (DP/2012/2)

UNFPA segment

2. Statement by the Executive Director

3. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [5]

Institutional budget estimates for 2012-2013 (DP/FPA/2012/1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the institutional budget estimates for 2012-2013 and revision of Financial regulations and Rules (DP/FPA/2012/2)

Revision of the UNFPA Financial Regulations and Rules (DP/FPA/2012/3)

4. Internal audit and oversight [6]

Outline of the plan of action to address the recommendations in the report on internal audit and oversight activities in 2010 (decision 2011/22)

5. Country programmes and related matters [7]

Africa States: Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Gambia, Malawi, Mozambique and South Sudan

Arab States: Algeria and Yemen

Asia and Pacific States: Iran (Islamic Republic of), Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Thailand and Viet Nam

Latin America and Caribbean States: Brazil, Dominican Republic, Panama and Peru

5.30–6 p.m. Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Informal consultations on draft decisions

[The Western European and Other States Group will meet *daily* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).]

[Internal audit and oversight and Country programmes and other matters will be discussed from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).]

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Poverty eradication", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will take place *today*, 1 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 1 February 2012

African Group (Second Committee experts) (on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and causes of conflict)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 1 February 2012

UNITAR Workshop on "Funding for United Nations operational activities for development: Key trends and issues" (organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR))

From 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The Workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 1 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on helicopters;

Monday, 6 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on cooperation with the African Union and other regional partnerships; and child protection; and

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB): on HIV and other health-related issues, and peacekeeping.

Informal meeting

An informal meeting, convened by the Chair of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, to discuss the working methods of the Committee, will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold its organizational session from Tuesday, 7 February, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2.

Briefings

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special briefing followed by an interactive discussion on the current economic and financial situation, on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The special briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). Keynote speakers are Professor Peter Diamond, Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 2010 Nobel Economics Laureate; Professor Carmen Reinhart, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Robert Vos, Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

There will also be a briefing by the Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, followed by an interactive discussion on the current global economic outlook and the related policy challenges based on the findings of the recently released *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2012* report, on Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Vos (e-mail vos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4838).

Informal meeting

On Thursday, 9 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council will hold a preparatory meeting for its biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held during its 2012 substantive session. The preparatory meeting will take place in Conference Room 7 (NLB), and will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia).

The morning session, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will consist of an interactive panel discussion on the topic "New dynamics of development cooperation: challenges and

opportunities". The interactive discussion will be moderated by Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator and Director of the Partnerships Bureau, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The afternoon session, from 3 to 6 p.m., will consist of an interactive panel discussion on the topic "Gearing development cooperation towards sustainable development". The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. (212) 963-4946).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family", under agenda item 3 (b), convened by the facilitator, Mr. Ahmad Azizi (Qatar), will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development", under agenda item 2, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Poverty eradication", under item 3 (a), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal briefings

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will brief representatives of non-governmental organizations on preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos García (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 6 February 2012. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1.

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Thursday, 2 February 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

Monday, 6 February 2012, from 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special event on "Common ground for the common good" (to mark the concluding day of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (1–7 February 2012), as proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 65/5 (A/RES/65/5)) (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the NGO Community at the United Nations)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[Opening remarks would be delivered by the President of the General Assembly and the Deputy Secretary-General. All are invited to attend. Kindly register at <www.interfaithharmonyweek.info>, *by Sunday, 5 February 2012. Click here* for the message of the President of the General Assembly for the 40-day countdown to the Week. For further information, please contact Ms. Amena Cheema, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail cheemal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4517).]

High-level briefing on "Challenges in the Fight Against Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking: A system wide response" (co-organized by the Co-Chairs of the United Nations System Task Force on Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Department of Political Affairs (DPA); in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Austria and Mexico)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend; non-governmental organizations are welcome to come based on seating availability. For further information, please contact Ms. Susana Castillo, UNODC (e-mail castillos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Briefing for Member States on "The revised modalities of the universal periodic review (Human Rights Council)" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laila Bourhil, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (e-mail bourhil@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0646 or 1 (917) 767-4440).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty" (organized in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Foreign law research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 2 February 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

Security Council documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 9 February 2012;

Thursday, 23 February 2012; and

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21 February 2012; and

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Friends of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will hold a second closed meeting to discuss preparations for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, on Thursday, 2 February 2012, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC2 Building, 4th Floor). All interested representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to attend.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

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All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 31 January 2012

Security Council

6710th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Letter dated 24 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/71)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Qatar and the Syrian Arab Republic, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard briefings by H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber bin Muhammad Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of

Qatar, Chair of the current session of the Arab League Council at the Ministerial Level, and by H.E. Mr. Nabil Elaraby.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Statements were made by H.E. The Honourable Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America; H.E. Mr. Alain Juppé, Ministre d'Etat, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of France; H.E. The Right Honourable William Hague, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Harold Caballeros, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Paulo Portas, Minister of State and Foreign Relations of the Portuguese Republic; H.E. Mr. Youssef Amrani, Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Michael Link, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany; and by the representatives of Pakistan, the Russian Federation, China, Azerbaijan, Togo, India and Colombia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of South Africa.

H.E. Sheikh Al Thani made a further statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a further statement.

H.E. Mr. Elaraby made a further statement.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2012 regular session

3rd meeting — *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Morocco, Belgium, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Cuba, Turkey and Israel, as well as by the observers from Switzerland and Austria.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 23 non-governmental organizations and general consultative status be granted to two non-governmental organizations.

4th meeting — *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Pakistan, Morocco, Belgium, the United States, the Sudan and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

The representatives of Burundi, China, Cuba, the Sudan, Morocco, India, Belgium, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Nicaragua posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Afrikanische Initiative für Bürgerrechte, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project and ICW Global Comunidad Internacional de Mujeres Viviendo con VIH/SIDA Asociacion Civil.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 12 non-governmental organizations.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Signature: Chad (31 January 2012)

Signature: Thailand (31 January 2012)

Corrections to the original text of the Protocol (French version) and to the certified true copies (31 January 2012)

Nagoya–Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: Chad (31 January 2012)

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Partial withdrawal: Netherlands (31 January 2012)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Proposal of corrections to the Chinese text of amendments to Annexes A, B and C (31 January 2012)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Mozambique (30 January 2012)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Accession: Mozambique (30 January 2012)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Myanmar (30 January 2012)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Myanmar (30 January 2012)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

Western European and other States
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant

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Department of Political Affairs
www.un.org/wps/dpa/

Presidency of the Security Council
www.un.org/sc/committees/

Security Council
www.un.org/Docs

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
<http://treaties.un.org/>

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
<www.un.org/law/avl/>

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<www.un.org/depts/dhl/>

International Court of Justice
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Journal of the United Nations
<www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp>

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<www.un.org/en/sections/index.asp>

United Nations Webcast
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UN Publications
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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 31 January 2012

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder maybe accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations <http://documents.un.org> in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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A/66/616	Item 149 — Financing of te United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire — Budget performance of the UnitedNations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 201 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *58 pages*
A/66/664	Items 115 (a) and 115 (p) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal; appointment of the judgesof the United Nations Appeals Tribunal — Report of the Internal Justice Council [A C E F R S] — *27 pages*
A/66/670–S/2012/64	Items 34, 35 and 39 — Prevention of armed conflict — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan — Letter dated 24 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

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A/66/670–S/2012/64	Letter dated 24 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*
S/2012/67	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S] — *19 pages*
S/2012/68	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abyei [A C E F R S] — *11 pages*

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